



Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly (left), Director of Computer Services Kevin Casey (second from left) and Director of Business Services Chuck Mann (right) meet with representatives from Digital Equipment Corporation to finalize an agreement that will provide Gallaudet with two VAX 6000/520 computers. The new main frame computers are scheduled for delivery in early December.

Homicide death of former student. sparks investigation of circumstances

The Nov. 9 death of former Gallaudet student Carl Dupree in Ely Center on the Kendall Green campus has prompted an independent investigation by Gallaudet University, an investigation by D.C. police, and referral of the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

After an autopsy revealed that Dupree, 41, died of asphyxiation by neck compression, which apparently broke his hyoid bone, the death was ruled a homicide by the D.C. police. Dupree, of Springfield, Va., died after a struggle with officers from Gallaudet's Department of Safety and Security (DOSS), who were called after Dupree reportedly threatened an instructor in the English Department in Hall Memorial Building.

In connection with the event, two security officers with DOSS—a male and a female—were injured in the scuffle and hospitalized.

Even before the coroner's report was made known, Gallaudet students rallied to protest the use of excessive force by the DOSS officers. Many classes were cancelled on Monday morning, Nov. 12. A candlelight vigil was held on campus that evening.

Although the specific circumstances surrounding the event are still being investigated, reportedly two officers from the Department of Safety and Security went to Hall Memorial Building the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 9, in response to a call that Dupree was threatening a deaf instructor in the English Department. The officers and Dupree walked to Ely Center, and a struggle began inside the side entrance. A second call for assistance was made. Reportedly,

four more officers arrived, and after a struggle, Dupree was physically restrained and handcuffed.

According to a University statement, after handcuffs were in place, one of the officers noticed that Dupree's face was turning blue. CPR was quickly administered and an ambulance summoned. D.C. police were also at the scene at some point. Dupree was taken to Capitol Hill Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he was pronounced dead.

The University has retained the services of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey, a national law firm, to conduct an independent review of the circumstances surrounding Dupree's death. Four DOSS officers involved in the incident have asked for and received administrative leave with pay.

President I. King Jordan and Provost Harvey Corson both addressed the crowd at the candlelight vigil and memorial service held Nov. 12. "I had the opportunity to know him, and I was impressed with his determination to succeed," Jordan said. "My heart goes out to the Dupree family, and I share in the sadness that we all feel tonight with Carl's passing." Dupree's wife, Avis, was a student here, and two of their four children attend Kendall Demonstration Elementary School. Dupree was a student at Gallaudet last year and this semester and withdrew from classes about three weeks ago.

The Counseling Center is offering walk-in group sessions Nov. 19 and 20 for faculty, staff, and students to express feelings about the incident. Other sessions will be scheduled after Thanksgiving.

New VAX equipment will expand University's computing capabilities

Gallaudet's computer system can be compared to a bus with 340 seats, and when all the seats are taken, anybody else who wants a ride is out of luck, says Computer Services Director Kevin Casey.

But by the new year, Gallaudet will have a bigger bus.

Thanks to an agreement with Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), the manufacturers of the VAX system now used at the University, new and more powerful VAX equipment will soon be installed. The new hardware will allow more than 400 people to access the system simultaneously and to perform computer-related tasks much faster than the system that is on line now. Casey said that the improved response time of the new system "will be dramatic."

The VAX is a family of mid-size computers, housed in the basement of the Edward Miner Gallaudet building, which provides computing resources to Gallaudet's Kendall Green and Northwest Campus. The University's mailing lists, and accounting, financial, purchasing, vehicle registration, and personnel records are maintained on the VAX, as are all student academic records. The VAX also provides statistical analyses for researchers, mathematical models for science and mathematics classes, computer assisted instruction for English classes, and E-mail and notes services for the campus community.

There also will be improvements to the system in data storage areas, said Casey. They include adding a solid state disk to store data that is frequently retrieved by a large percentage of computer users, and adding a new generation of magnetic tape storage equipment to safeguard data and ensure that it will not be lost in the event of a mechanical breakdown of the computer system or a natural disaster such as a fire or flood. The data saved on the magnetic tape will be done at night, which will enable more people to use the computer system during normal working hours.

"This computer architecture should serve Gallaudet well over at least the next five years," said Casey.

The two VAX 6000/520s, which were put on the consumer market by DEC at the end of October, "should give us roughly two and one-half times the general computer horsepower that we have currently," said Casey.

Computer Services has been working on improving the University's computer situation because of the increasing use of the system during the past 18 months by all facets of the University community. Now there are 1,200 VAX connections at Gallaudet, but more than 4,000 computer users at its two campuses. "We run at 100 percent ca-

capacity all day long," said Casey, adding that is why computer response time is often slow.

The new VAX system and the data storage improvements cost in the neighborhood of \$2.3 million, said Casey. DEC is providing a grant in excess of \$1 million.

"Gallaudet will be paying a relatively modest amount of money to have use of the 6000/520 system until money from federal appropriations for the next fiscal year is available," Casey explained. "If we don't get the money, I believe the University will consider whether to keep the machinery and pay for it ourselves or return it and use the old equipment."

SAC election set for Nov. 28

An election to fill six vacancies on the Staff Advisory Committee, a group that serves as a liaison between Gallaudet staff and administration, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Polling locations are the Ely Center Atrium on the Kendall Green campus and the Dean's Office at the Northwest Campus.

Because this is a campus-wide election, the names represent the entire staff community. You may vote for as many as six people.

Below is a sample ballot:

ONE-YEAR TERM: 1991-92

Select 2:

- ___ Jane Binzen
Student Health Service
- ___ Leanne Haggard
Visitors Center
- ___ Sharon Legler
Admissions
- ___ Mary Ann Meier
Northwest Campus
- ___ Dave Staehle
University Center
- ___ Diana Webb
Student Health Service
- ___ Deborah Weiner
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TWO-YEAR TERM: 1991-93

Select 4:

- ___ Mike Baer
Personnel
- ___ Margaret Cunningham
Student Health Service
- ___ Rosa Mann
Admissions
- ___ Agnes Muse
University Counseling Center
- ___ Beth Singer
TAP/Research Institute

Employees can register now as graduate students

Faculty and staff who are interested in taking graduate-level courses for spring semester 1991 should register now. Employees who have completed a bachelor's degree are eligible to apply as graduate special students.

Interested individuals can come to the Office of Graduate Studies in Fay House and pick up an application and a spring schedule of classes. Return the application as soon as possible with a copy of your undergraduate transcript (a photo copy is acceptable). Employees who have been graduate special students in the past five years do not need to reapply; they can follow steps 2-8 below.

To register as a graduate special student:

1. Complete an application as a graduate special student and return it with a copy of your undergraduate transcript to the Office of Graduate Studies, Fay House.
2. Check class schedule for course time and prerequisites.
3. Obtain instructor's permission, if necessary, or check with instructor first to determine if class is appropriate for you.
4. Complete an employee tuition waiver form (if applicable) with all the necessary signatures. Failure to follow the procedures on the form or turn in the form may result in a failing grade and/or personal liability for the course. Blank forms are available from Student Accounts or the Office of Graduate Studies.
5. Complete a course selection form with the signature of Dr. Vera Follain-Grisell, academic adviser for graduate special students.
6. Submit the course selection form and employee tuition waiver form to the Office of Records Management, HMB, Room 107, before the end of registration (Nov. 30, 1990).
7. Return the tuition waiver form indicating that you have registered for the course to the Student Accounts window, College Hall, first floor.
8. Classes will begin the week of Jan. 14, 1991.



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Accounting Department staff members (front row, from left) Rena Arnold, senior accounts receivable clerk, Dorothy Alexis, accounting supervisor, and Joyce McPherson, administrative secretary, recently received 10-year service awards. Pictured with them are (back row) Suzanne Baker, accounting manager, Ernie Adkins, accounts receivable technician, and Sam Wagner, controller.

Announcements

The Gallaudet Research Institute is soliciting proposals for the Adam Politzer Memorial Grant Fund Program. A total of \$10,000 will be made available to fund research projects beneficial to deaf people with secondary conditions, particularly visual or emotional disturbances, for a grant period of up to 12 months. Proposals must be received by the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research by Dec. 10, 1990. For more information and application materials, call Sally Dunn, x4412.

Open Season for Federal Employee Health Benefits continues through Dec. 10. Information about various plans can be obtained at the Health Insurance Plan Fair on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ely Multipurpose Room. Health benefits registration forms are available in College Hall Personnel Office, Room 7; KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 204C; HMB, Room 109; CUB, M&O Administrative Office; and Northwest Campus, Dean's Office, Main Building.

The Sign Communication Lecture Series continues with a Monday, Nov. 26, presentation by J. Matt Searls, assistant professor of human development and psychological services at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. The lecture, "Self-Concept Development of Deaf and Hearing Students with Deaf Parents," will be held in Ely Auditorium from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The 1990 GUIDE members are embarking on their first project to collect items for S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), border babies at D.C. General Hospital born to cocaine-addicted mothers, and the House of Ruth, a shelter for homeless, abused, and elderly women, following the group's Oct. 25 participation in these programs. To help support these programs, GUIDE members are asking for donations of baby diapers and clothing, canned food, men's coats, bed linens and towels, hats, gloves, scarves, warm shirts, slacks, socks, and money for perishable foods. Checks can be made to House of Ruth Meals Program or S.O.M.E. Donations will be collected until Dec. 19 by the following GUIDE representatives: KDES—Fred Mangru-

bang; MSSD—Sam Yates and Rick Suiter; College Hall—Dorothy Alexis; MTB—Barb Brunner; Kendall, Dawes, and Fowler Hall—Raed Mohsen and Bob Weinstock; EMG—Sheri Duhon and Sue Russell; Northwest Campus—Sandi LaRue-Atuonah, Flo Vold, Lisa Jacobs, Mary Anne Kinsella-Meier, and Kris Gould.

You & Your Job

Flexible Premium Plan

Employees who want to enroll or continue their participation in the "Flexible Premium Plan" for deducting health and dental insurance before figuring taxes must submit enrollment forms to the Payroll Office no later than Nov. 26.

For employees who are already enrolled, the current plan will end Dec. 31. Tax regulations require employees participating in the plan to renew their enrollment.

Employees not enrolled in the Flexible Premium Plan currently are paying health and dental insurance premiums with "after tax dollars"—premiums are deducted from the paycheck after taxes have been figured on gross earnings. Under Internal Revenue Service regulations, however, employees may elect to have the amount of health and dental insurance premiums paid with "before tax dollars," with taxes based on gross salary minus health and dental insurance premiums. As a result, the employee realizes an increase in take-home pay. Retirement deductions (and later retirement annuities) continue to be based on the full gross income.

Internal Revenue Service regulations govern the plan, however, and employees may not change their minds at any time during the year unless there is a change in family status. Deductions will still be made until the year is over for employees who cancel their health and/or dental insurance. Also, employees will not be able to itemize income tax deductions and claim health and/or dental insurance premiums as part of medical expenses, if they elect this benefit.

For more information, call Elaine Vance, benefits specialist, at x5111.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail VWALTER. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received from Nov. 19-21 will appear in the Dec. 3 issue. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no issue Nov. 26.

WANTED: Foster home needed for friendly, fully trained, well-behaved spaniel-mix dog; current living situation doesn't permit dogs; will pay food/vet costs and help w/care. Call (202) 544-6747 (TDD), or E-mail JMHARRELSON.

WANTED: Driver to ride to Nashville, Tenn., over Thanksgiving break and to drive car back to Maryland; all expenses paid for 4-day trip and some sightseeing. Call (301) 929-0940 (TDD) eves., or E-mail LBRAGG.

FOR SALE: Nintendo games inc. Contra, Golf, Goonies, Castlevania, Top Gun, and Zelda, each w/protective cover, \$25/each. Call Marian, x5290.

FOR SALE: Full-length blue fox coat from Gartenhaus, stored and drummed, size 8-10, worn only a few times, \$850/neg. Call Virginia, x5150, or E-mail VBSCHIMPF.

WANTED: Nonsmoking roommate to share townhouse in Laurel, Md., private BR in basement, W/D, must have own transportation, avail. December, \$300/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call Bonnie, x5226, or (301) 725-2271 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Vacation package to Hawaii inc. 2 round-trip coach tickets on regularly scheduled airline, 8 days/7 nights in quality hotel in Honolulu, flower lei greeting, airport/hotel transfers, all taxes applicable to tickets, baggage handling, may use anytime within next year. Call Bob, x5328.

FOR SALE: Small dark wood desk w/3 drawers, 40x18 in., very good cond., \$30; light wood drop-leaf table, w/extra leaf expands to 65 in. long, \$35. Call x5315, or (703) 685-0474 (V/TDD) eves. before 9 p.m.

FOR RENT: Basement apt. in Laurel, Md., kitchen, bath w/shower, fireplace, french doors to outside, private entrance and walkway, built-in flashing system for doorbell and phone, convenient location at BW Pkwy. and Rt. 197, avail. now, \$500/mo./individual, or \$600/mo./couple/roommates, plus phone and 1/2 cable fee. Call Marybeth, (301) 345-5788 (TDD).

WANTED: Loving home for 5-yr.-old pure white cat w/ice blue eyes, spayed, has had all required shots as of last month. Call (301) 794-4785 (TDD) anytime.

FOUND: Sunglasses found in MSSD restroom across from photography office, G-51, black frame w/blue/pink trim. Call Lynne, x5671.

FOR RENT: 1-BR terrace apt. in quiet Takoma Park/Silver Spring neighborhood, private entrance, free laundry facilities, nonsmokers only, avail. Nov. 25, \$575/mo. inc. gas heat and water. Call Tom Allen, x5575, or (301) 589-6286 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: 5-day Bahamas vacation for 2 inc. hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Bahamas, cruise to island, and some meals, \$400/BO. Call Lynn, x5535.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

PUBLISHING ASSISTANT: Gallaudet University Press

INSTRUCTOR/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: Department of Education, SEHS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CENTER: Call Lu McClellan, (214) 324-7065 (TDD), or 7198 (V).

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